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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BAILEY ET AL.

Examiner

GINA C. YU

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/19/2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 7, 8, 10, 12 and 13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/S508)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on December 19, 2007 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 10, 12, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoppe et al. (US 2003/0180277 A1) in view of Hersh (US 6011067) and Bryce-Smith (US 6288115 B1).

Hoppe discusses anti-dandruff compositions for the scalp. The reference teaches adding a conjugated fatty acid ("CLA"), particularly conjugated linoleic acid, in the weight amount of 0.00001-5 %, to promote the energy metabolism of the hair root. See [0054] – [0063]. With respect to claim 8, it is obvious that the components should exist in separate containers. The reference further teaches that all geometric isomer forms and position isomer forms as well as the mixtures of such compounds are useful for the invention. See [0061]. Table 1 shows CLA composition which comprises 34.6 % of 9 cis, 11 trans/ 9 trans 11 cis and 35.9 % of 10 trans 12 cis isomers. See instant

claim 13. Example 3 shows a shampoo comprising the CLA in Table 1, a gelling agent, and pearlescent agents, which renders the composition opaque. See instant claim 12. Examples 4-9 also mention clear shampoos, thereby suggesting formulating clear compositions with CLA.

The prior art employs bioquinone as the anti-dandruff agent and does not disclose the anti-dandruff agents of the instant claims.

Hersh teaches that zinc pyrithione has been used for treatment of dandruff, seborrheic dermatitis, flakes and other skin maladies in the form of shampoo, lotion, and cream. See col. 10, line 13 – col. 11, line 8. Example 3 illustrates a shampoo comprising 1 % of zinc pyrithione.

Bryce-Smith teaches that zinc salt of conjugated linoleic acid has surprisingly great efficacy over conjugated linoleic acid alone, which may act as an irritant. See col. 1, lines 55 – 61.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the present invention to modify the composition of Hoppe by substituting bioquinone with or incorporating, zinc pyrithione, as motivated by Hersh, because both components are functionally equivalent anti-dandruff agents well known in the art. The skilled artisan would have had a reasonable expectation of successfully producing an anti-dandruff composition with similar efficacy. Hoppe teaches combining the CLA formulation with an anti-dandruff agent, Hersh teaches zinc pyrithione which is dissolved and dissociates in aqueous compositions, and salt formation of an acid in neutral pH is well known to an ordinary skill in chemical art; therefore, the skilled artisan would have had a reasonable

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expectation of successfully producing a scalp treatment composition comprising zinc salt of CLA by adjusting the pH of the composition of the prior arts. Since Bryce-Smith suggests that zinc salt of CLA overcomes the irritating effects of CLA, the skilled artisan would also have had motivation to make an anti-dandruff composition with reduced irritation.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed on June 27, 2007 have been fully considered, but they are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Conclusion

No claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GINA C. YU whose telephone number is (571)272-8605. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, from 8:00AM until 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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